

Proclamation

In 1796, an English Country doctor named Edward Jenner noticed that farmers exposed to the mild bovine disease “cowpox” seemed to become immune to smallpox. Jenner conducted an experiment where he infected a young boy with cowpox in hopes of preventing subsequent smallpox infection.

The experiment worked and the boy developed an immunity to smallpox.

Jenner went on to collect 23 more case histories and published his findings in a book titled "An inquiry into the causes and effects of the variolae vaccinae, a disease discovered in some of the western counties of England, particularly Gloucestershire, and known by the name of The Cow Pox."

Jenner's process came to be called "vaccination," after "vacca," the Latin word for cow, and the substance used to vaccinate was called a "vaccine."

Today, vaccine immunizations have nearly eradicated smallpox and wild poliovirus in the United States and significantly reducing the number of cases of measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis and other diseases.

Vaccines offer safe and effective protection from infectious diseases and are recommended for infants, children, adolescents and adults of all ages. They are critical to protecting ourselves and our community from disease.

The Department of Health Immunization Branch partners with various community agencies in providing services to protect Hawai`i's citizens against vaccine-preventable diseases.

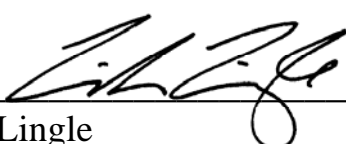
In the past year, the Hawai`i Immunization Branch has trained statewide over 425 immunization providers and staff on immunization related topics and provided over 300,000 doses of childhood and adult vaccines to immunization providers throughout the state. This includes 37,000 influenza vaccines during the 2005-2006 flu season.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai`i and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim August 2006 as

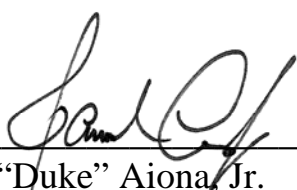
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in Hawai`i and encourage our residents to learn more about how to protect themselves against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this seventh day of August 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai`i



James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i